

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-8.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Curtis B. Hamre (Reg. No. 29,165), at (612) 336.4755.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

3. A man-hour management system according to [either of Claims 1 and 2,]
claim 1, comprising a timing graph data table for performing registration management of
data of a timing graph, data being assigned to said timing graph data table from said main
man-hour management table;

wherein said man-hour output means outputs the man-hour information by being
assigned data also from said timing graph data table.

4. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 3,]
claim 1, comprising a line name table for performing registration management of modes
of lines which implement works;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said
line name table.

5. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 4,]
claim 1, comprising a series table for performing registration management of series and
types associated with the series;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said
series table.

6. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 5,]
claim 1, comprising a derivation table for performing registration management of
derivatives associated with each of the series and the types;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said
derivation table.

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